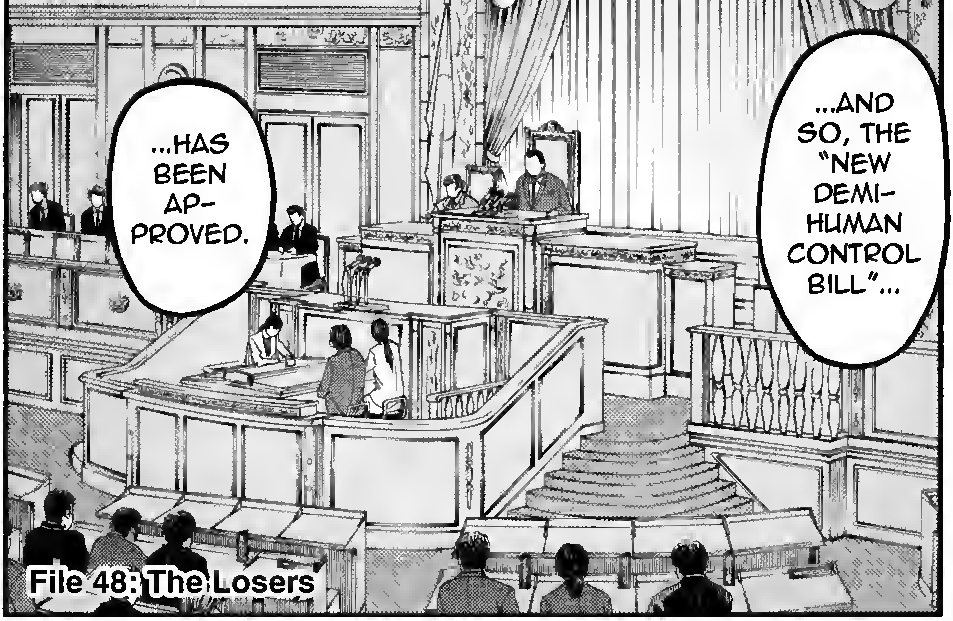
...AND SO, THE "NEW DEMI-HUMAN CONTROL BILL"...
...HAS BEEN AP-PROVED.
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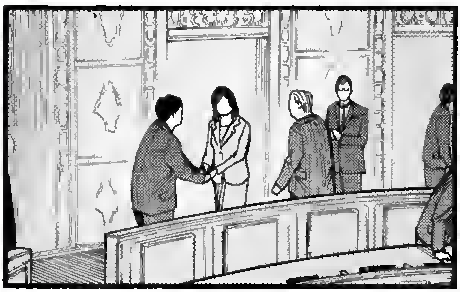
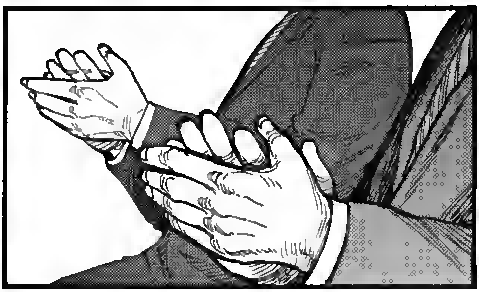




AT LONG LAST,
THE NEW DEMI-HUMAN CONTROL BILL HAS BEEN PASSED.

WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CREATE THE MEASURE.
HEL-LO!
LIVE IN STUDIO, WE ARE JOINED BY DIET MEMBER HIMEKO TACHI-BANA,

SO, WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?
TO EXPLAIN IT SIMPLY...

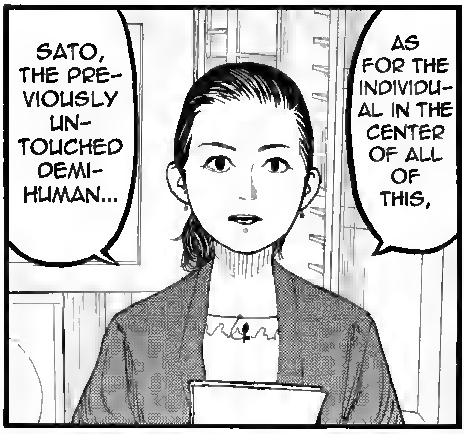
THERE WAS A NEED TO HURRY THE BILL THROUGH BOTH HOUSES OF THE DIET.
NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN SHOWN HOW BRUTAL DEMI-HUMANS ARE,

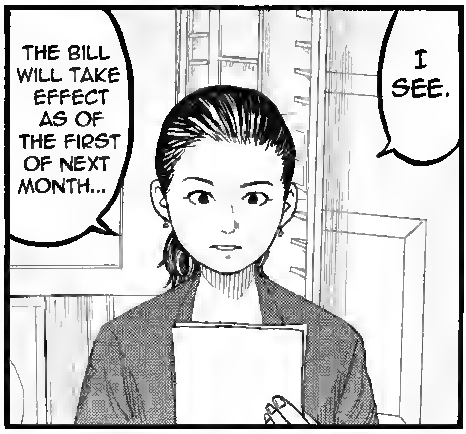
NOT AT ALL.
AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, DOCTOR FUJIKAWA.

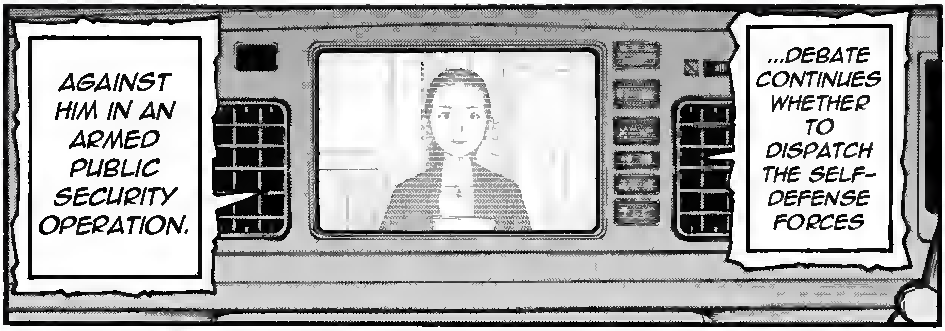
THIS NEW LAW ALLOWS FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND STRONGLY ENFORCED DETAINMENT AND SEGREGATION METHODS ONCE SOMEONE IS CONFIRMED TO BE A DEMI-HUMAN, CIRCUM-VENTING THE BARRIERS PLACED IN OUR WAY BY HUMAN RIGHTS.
IT WAS A HALF-HEARTED MEASURE NOT IN LINE WITH THE REALITY OF WHAT DEMI-HUMANS REALLY ARE.
THE OLD DEMI-HUMAN LAW WAS PRIMARILY CON-CERNED WITH THE CAPTURE AND PROTEC-TION OF DEMI-HUMANS.

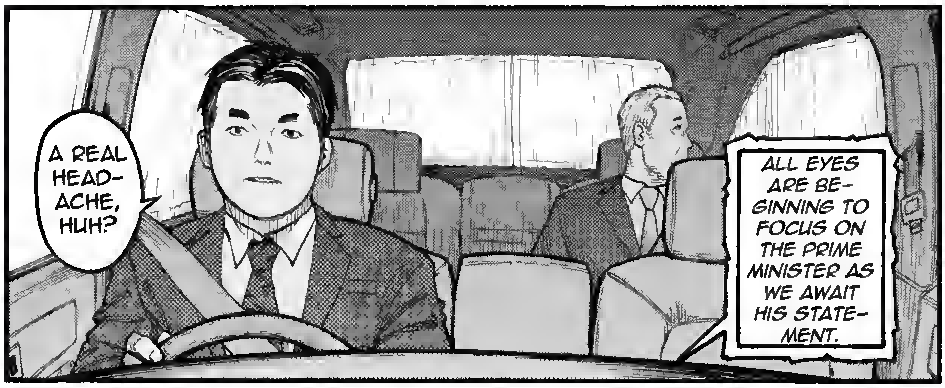
ALSO,
IT MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE MHLW'S LIST OF UN-CONFIRMED DEMI-HUMANS,
SHINING LIGHT ON ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE DEMI-HUMANS HIDING IN LOCAL COMMUNI-TIES
USING THE OBSERVANT EYES OF EVERY CITIZEN.

THE NEW DEMI-HU-MAN CON-TROL BILL
IS A BUL-WARK DE-SIGNED TO PRO-TECT SOCI-ETY...
...FROM THE BRUTAL AND DANGEROUS CREATURES KNOWN AS DEMI-HUMANS.

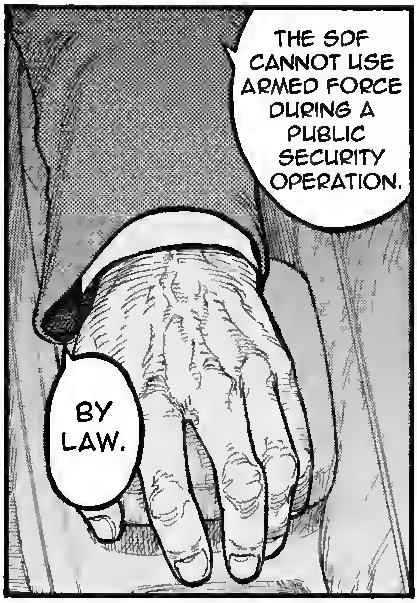

AS FOR THE INDIVIDU-AL IN THE CENTER OF ALL OF THIS,
SATO, THE PRE-VIOUSLY UN-TOUCHED DEMI-HUMAN...

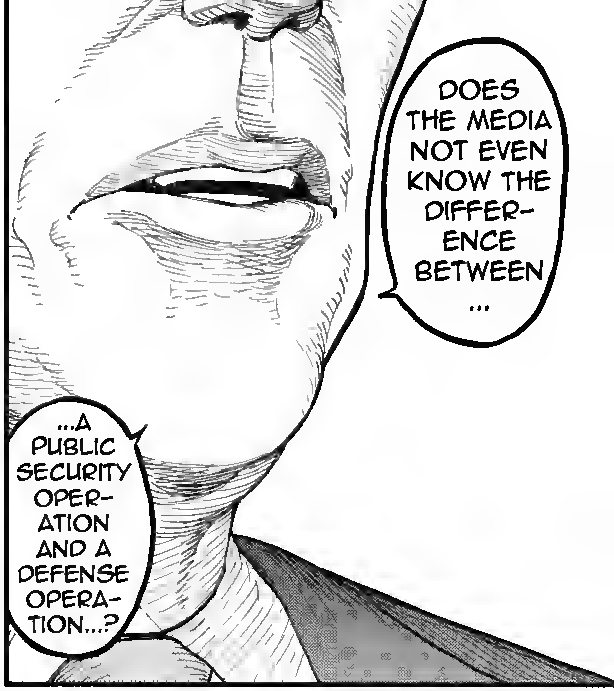

I SEE.
THE BILL WILL TAKE EFFECT AS OF THE FIRST OF NEXT MONTH...

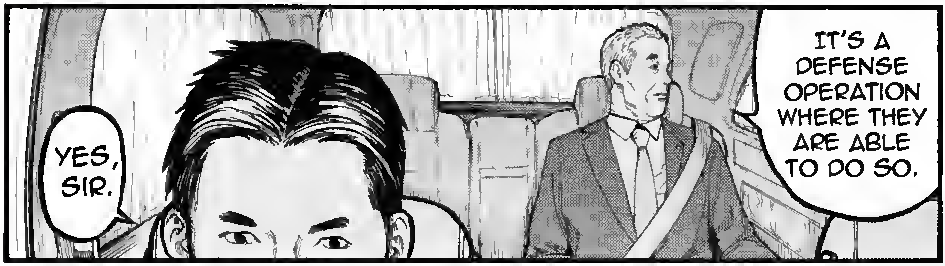

AGAINST HIM IN AN ARMED PUBLIC SECURITY OPERATION.
...DEBATE CONTINUES WHETHER TO DISPATCH THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES

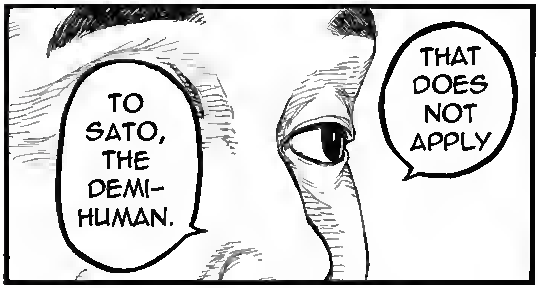

A REAL HEAD-ACHE, HUH?
ALL EYES ARE BE-GINNING TO FOCUS ON THE PRIME MINISTER AS WE AWAIT HIS STATE-MENT.

PRIME MINIS-TER.

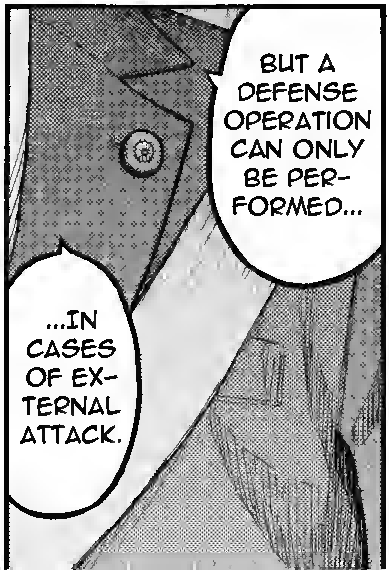

THE SDF CANNOT USE ARMED FORCE DURING A PUBLIC SECURITY OPERATION.
BY LAW.

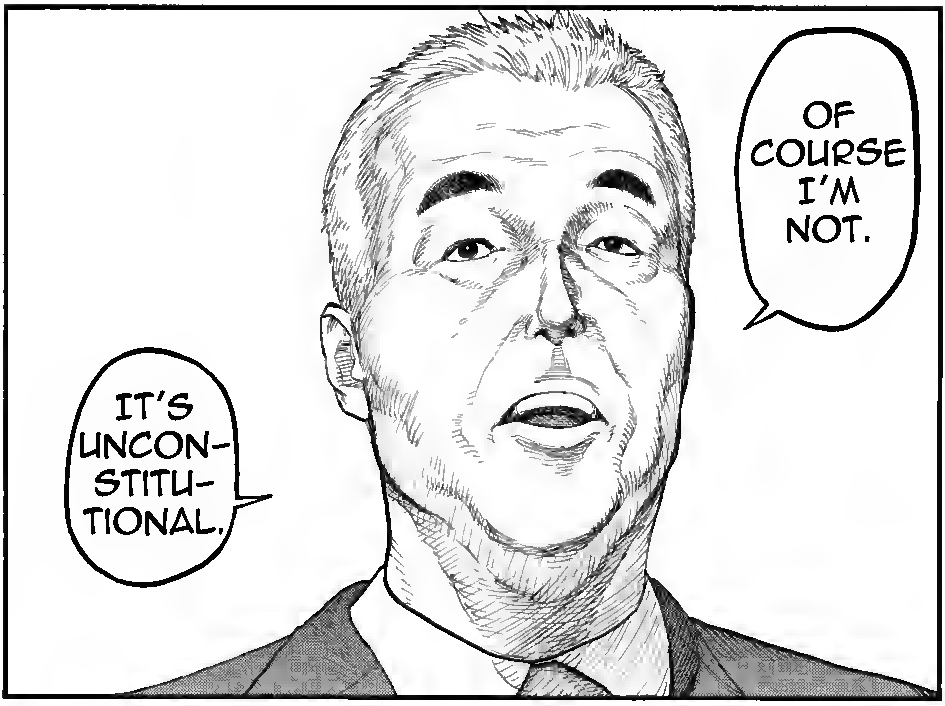

DOES THE MEDIA NOT EVEN KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ...
...A PUBLIC SECURITY OPERATION AND A DEFENSE OPERATION...?


YES, SIR.
IT'S A DEFENSE OPERATION WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO DO SO.

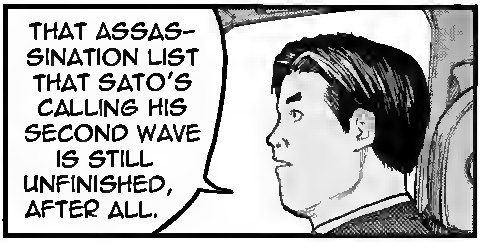

TO SATO, THE DEMI-HUMAN.
THAT DOES NOT APPLY

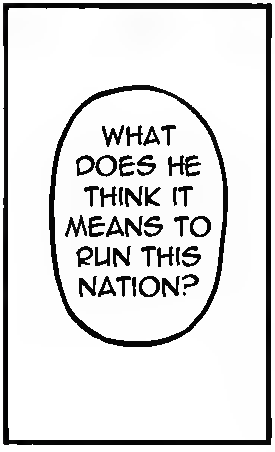
AT A SINGLE MASS MURDERER?"
"ARE YOU GOING TO THROW THE SDF

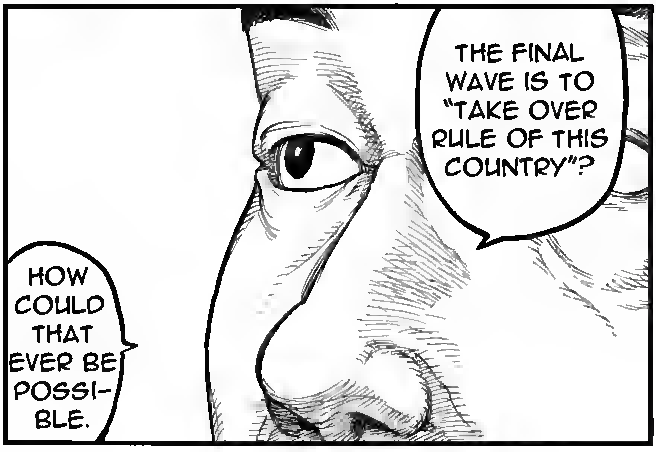

BUT A DEFENSE OPERATION CAN ONLY BE PERFORMED...
...IN CASES OF EXTERNAL ATTACK.

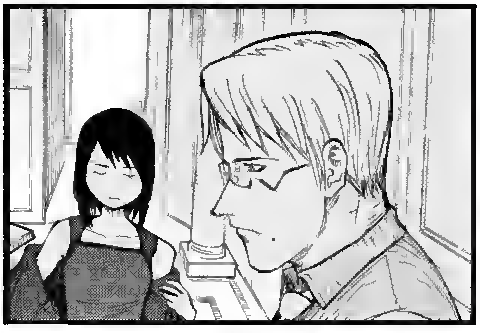

OF COURSE I'M NOT.
IT'S UNCON-STITU-TIONAL.

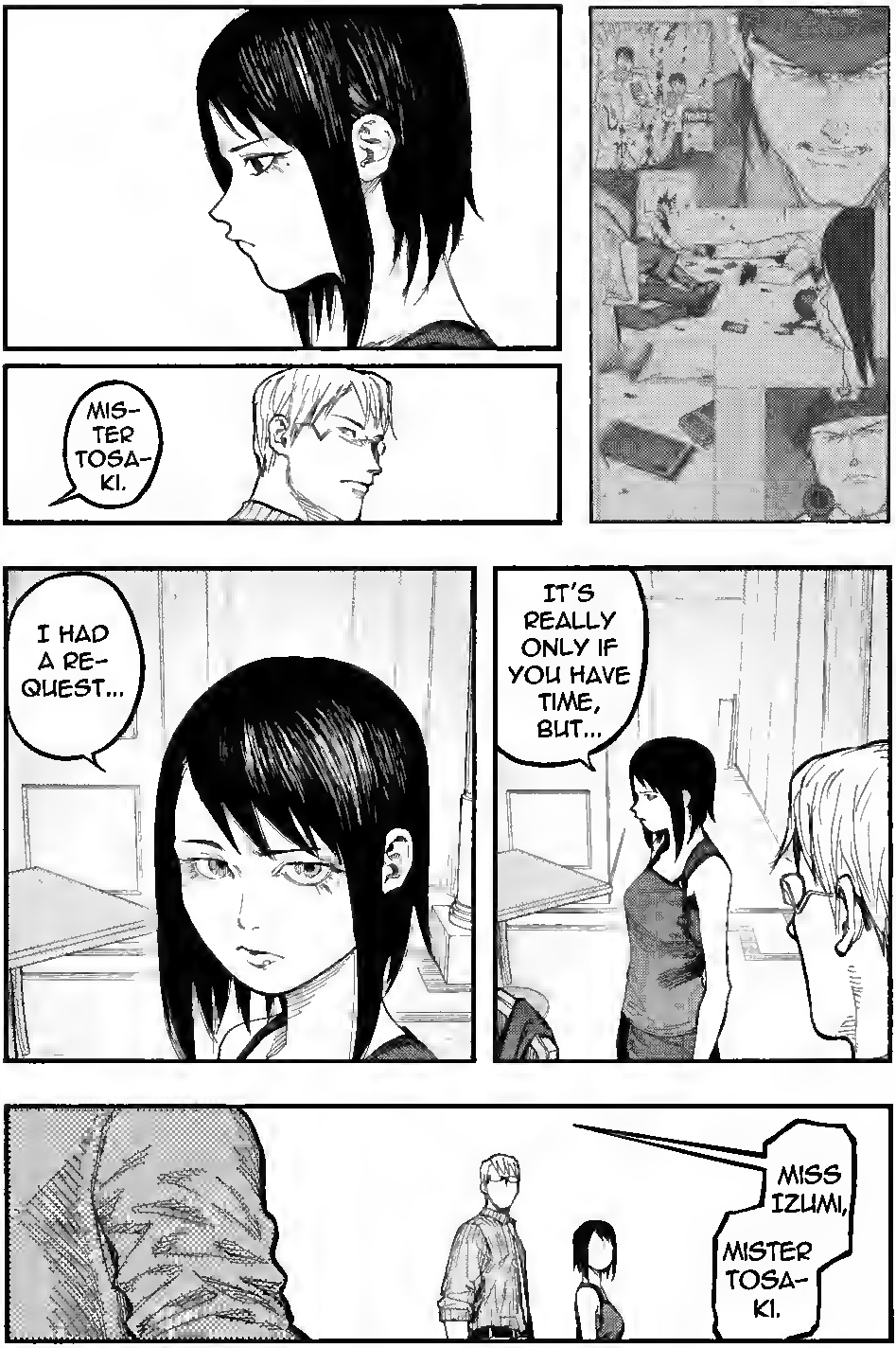
...AND ANY-WAY...
BUT WE CAN'T GO CRYING ABOUT A NATIONAL CRISIS YET.
YES.


THAT ASSAS-SINATION LIST THAT SATO'S CALLING HIS SECOND WAVE IS STILL UNFINISHED, AFTER ALL.


WHAT DOES HE THINK IT MEANS TO RUN THIS NATION?


THE FINAL WAVE IS TO "TAKE OVER RULE OF THIS COUNTRY"?
HOW COULD THAT EVER BE POSSI-BLE.

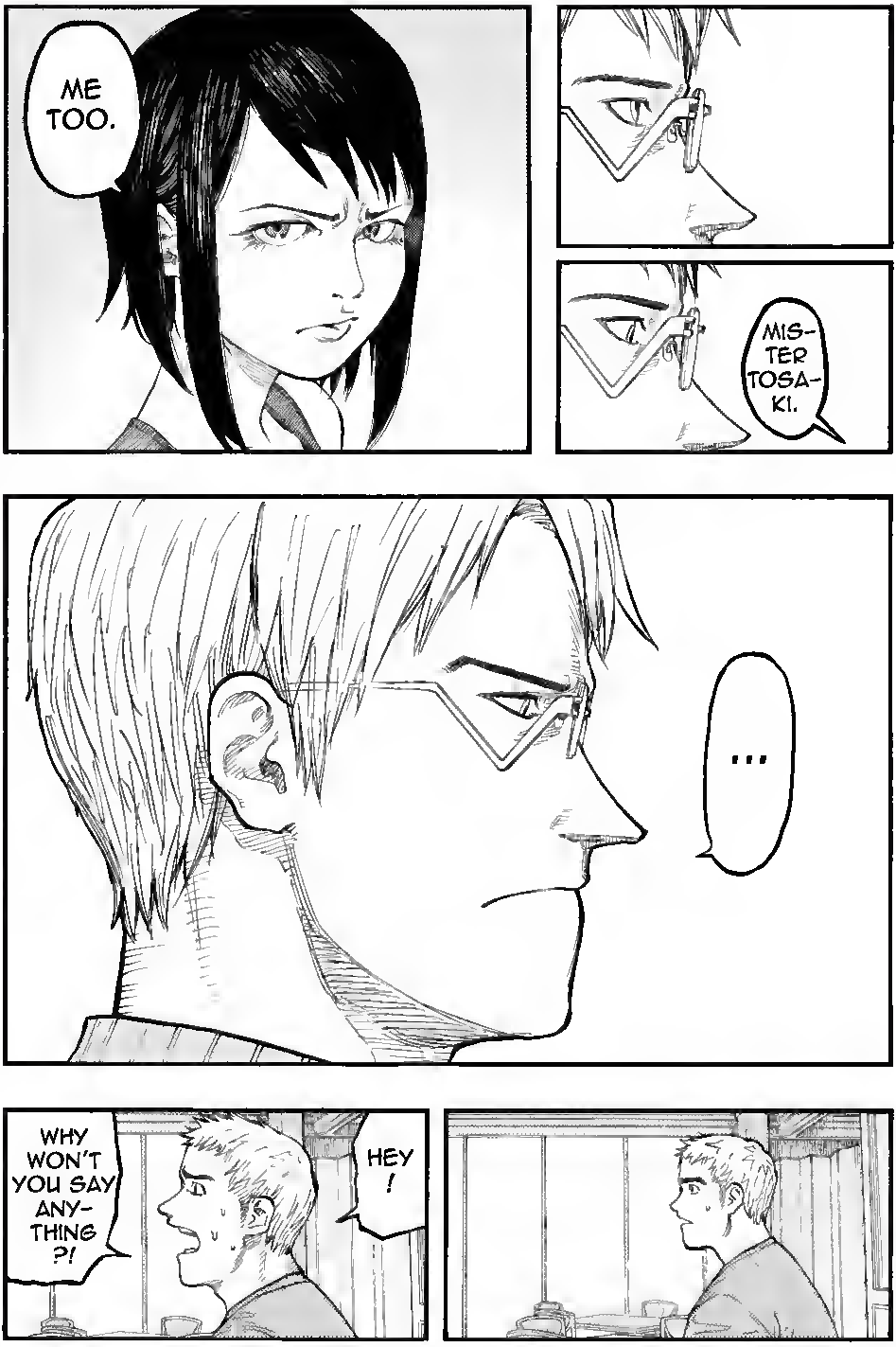



MIS-
TER
TOSA-
KI.
I HAD
A RE-
QUEST...
IT'S
REALLY
ONLY IF
YOU HAVE
TIME,
BUT...
MISS
IZUMI,
MISTER
TOSA-
KI.

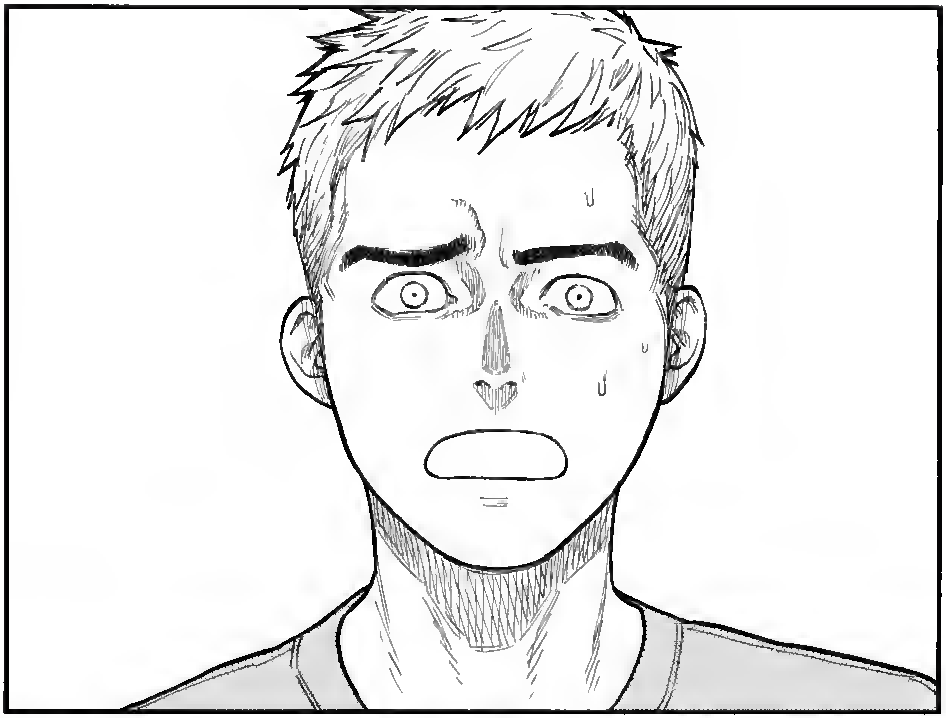
THANK GOD...
YES, I DON'T DIE.
YOU'RE BOTH OKAY...
WHAT ABOUT NAGAI?
I SEE ...
MISTER TOSAKI.
HE SAID HE'S DONE...

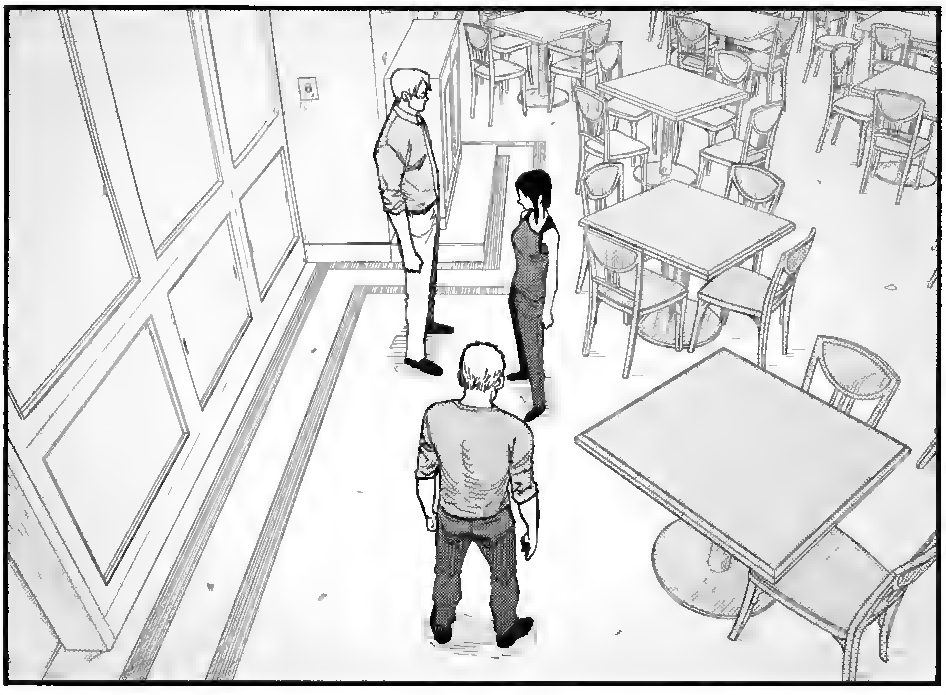
WE'RE
STILL GONNA FIGHT, RIGHT?
I AM.
WELL
HUH?

THIS IS MY FIGHT ALONE FROM HERE.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FORGET EVERY-THING THAT'S HAPPENED UNTIL TODAY.
YOU TWO CAN LEAVE.
I HAVE TO STOP HIM!
YOU HAVE TO DO THIS!!
I'M NOT RUN-NING AWAY.


ME TOO.
MIS-TER TOSA-KI.
...
WHY WON'T YOU SAY ANY-THING ?!
HEY !

IF WE DON'T GIVE UP...!!
IF WE DO THIS TO THE END...
SHOULDN'T WE HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING ?!
RIGHT ?!
MISS IZUMI!

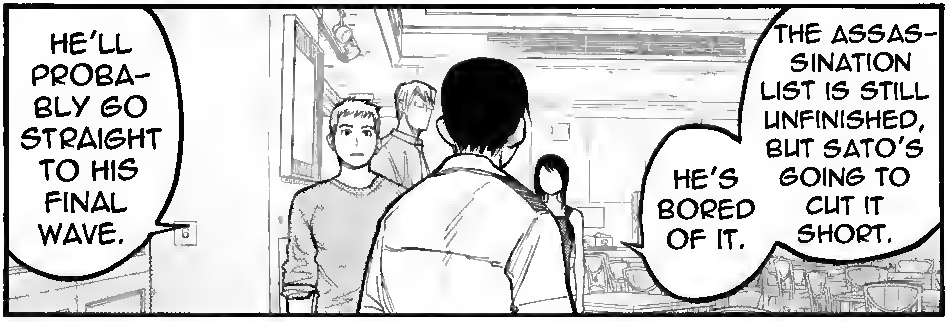


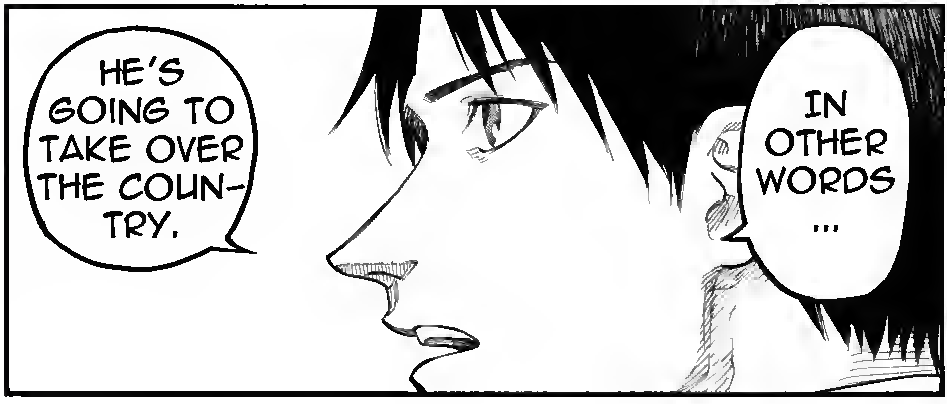


HEY, I'M BACK.
OH.
HUNH ?!?!

I GOT TIRED OF DROWNING TO DEATH...
SA-CHAK
AFTER ONE DAY?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE TAKING IT EASY IN INDIA OR SOMETHING BY NOW...
SO I THOUGHT I'D FIGHT AFTER ALL AND CAME BACK.
...

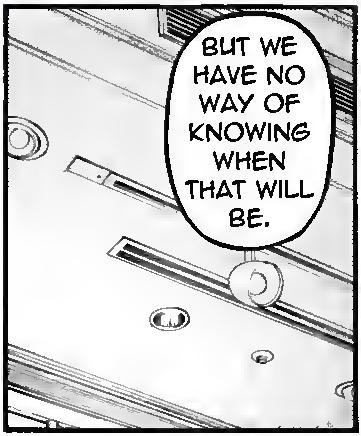
SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN,
NA-GAI?

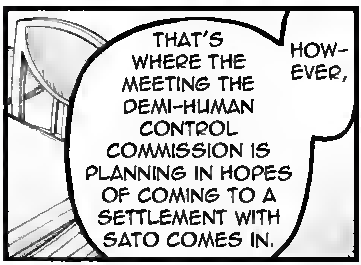

HE'LL PROBA-BLY GO STRAIGHT TO HIS FINAL WAVE.
HE'S BORED OF IT.
THE ASSAS-SINATION LIST IS STILL UNFINISHED, BUT SATO'S GOING TO CUT IT SHORT.


HE'S GOING TO TAKE OVER THE COUN-TRY.
IN OTHER WORDS ...

BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'S INTER-ESTED IN RUNNING THIS COUNTRY AS ITS DAY-TO-DAY RULER?
HE'S NOT.
IT'S A GAME FOR HIM.
HIS RULES.
HE WANTS TO DEAL ENOUGH DAMAGE TO THIS COUNTRY'S EXECUTIVE AGENCIES, MILITARY, AND PRESS TO DESTROY THEM.
THAT IS HIS GOAL.
BUT EVEN FOR SATO,
IT'S HARD TO SAY FOR SURE IF HE CAN PULL OFF AN ACT OF TERROR ON THAT SCALE.

WHY?
AND I BELIEVE HE *COULD* PULL IT OFF.
BUT I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT HE'LL BE TRYING NEXT,
BE-CAUSE HE'S SATO.
BRRRT


BUT WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHEN THAT WILL BE.


HOW-EVER,
THAT'S WHERE THE MEETING THE DEMI-HUMAN CONTROL COMMISSION IS PLANNING IN HOPES OF COMING TO A SETTLEMENT WITH SATO COMES IN.

THE NEXT TIME HE SHOWS HIM-SELF,
IT'LL BE TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN.

THAT IS THE ONE EVENT WHERE THERE'S A CHANCE HE'LL SHOW HIMSELF.
OF ALL THE INFORMA-TION WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US NOW,

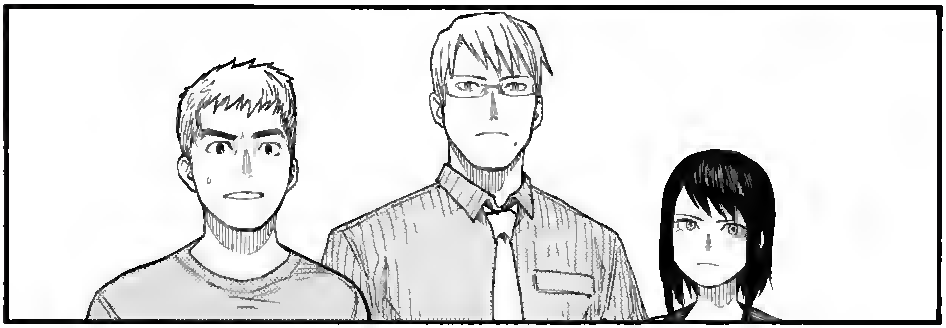
IF WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT SATO...
...YES...

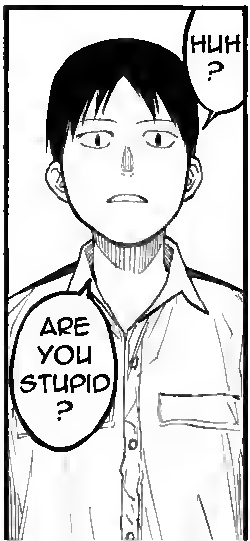
THAT DAY
IS OUR LAST CHANCE.
LOOKS LIKE THE DAY OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN SET.
WHEN IS IT?

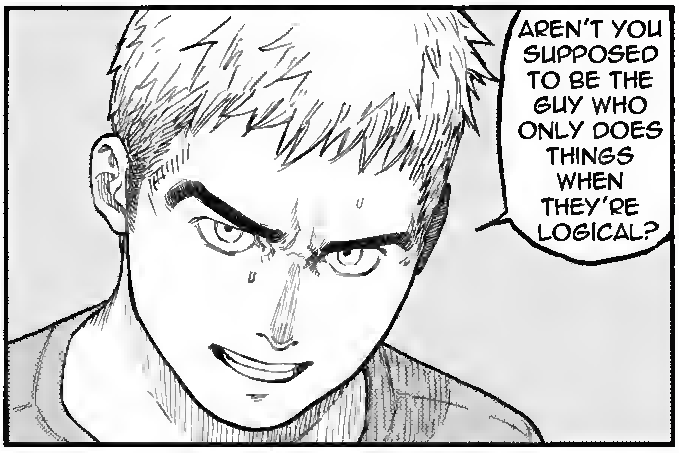
NINE-
TEEN
HOURS
FROM
NOW.
NA-
GAI.

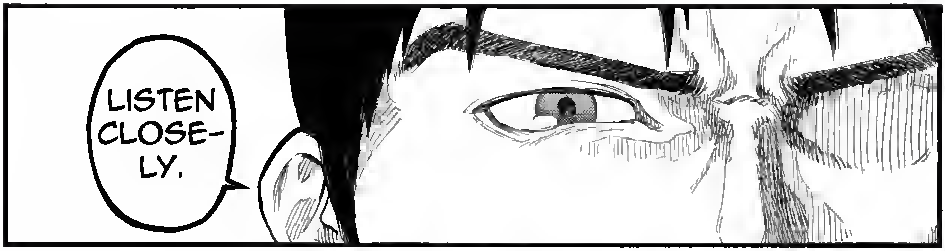
AND YOU'RE SAYING YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT?
WE HAVE NO ALLIES, NO STRATEGY, AND NO TIME.
YOU THINK WE HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING?
OF COURSE WE'RE NOT GONNA WIN.
WHAT A FOOLISH QUES-TION.

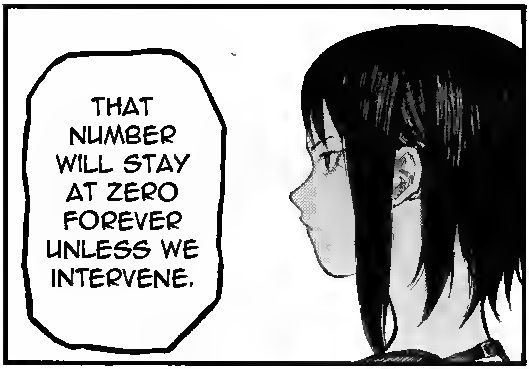
BUT
WE'LL FIGHT TO THE END.

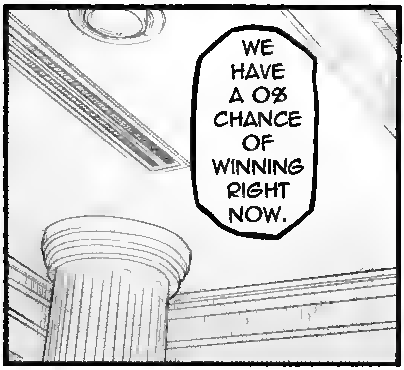


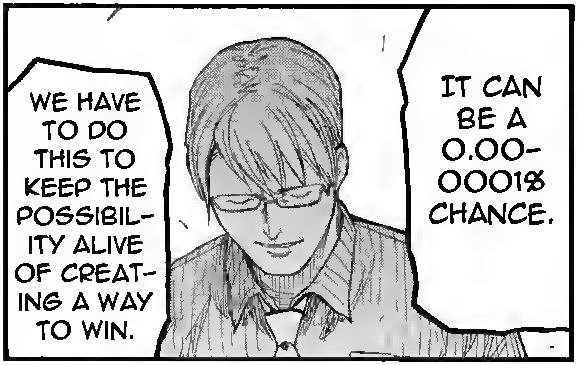

HUH?
ARE YOU STUPID?

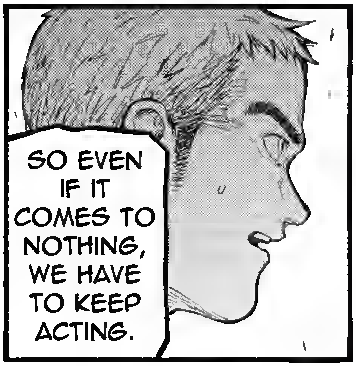

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE THE GUY WHO ONLY DOES THINGS WHEN THEY'RE LOGICAL?

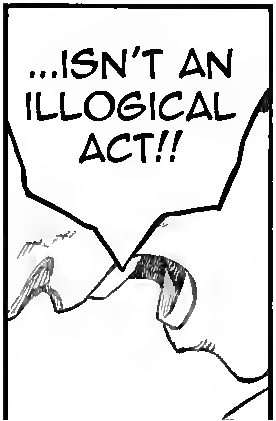

LISTEN CLOSE-LY.

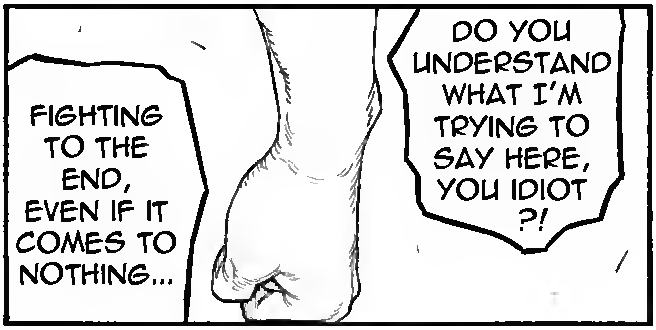

THAT NUMBER WILL STAY AT ZERO FOREVER UNLESS WE INTERVENE.


WE HAVE A 0% CHANCE OF WINNING RIGHT NOW.

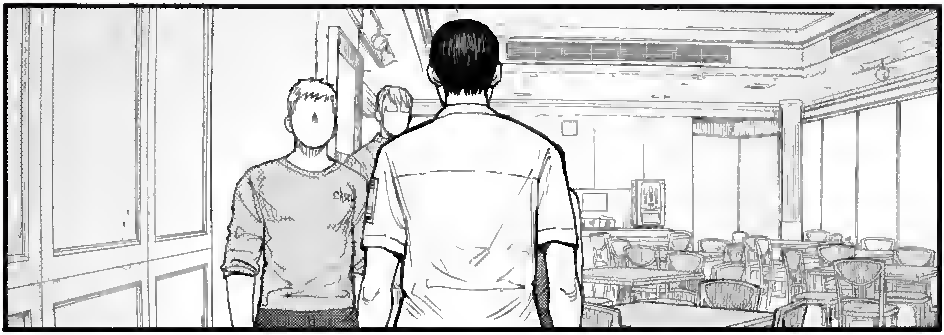

WE HAVE TO DO THIS TO KEEP THE POSSIBIL-ITY ALIVE OF CREAT-ING A WAY TO WIN.
IT CAN BE A 0.00-0001% CHANCE.

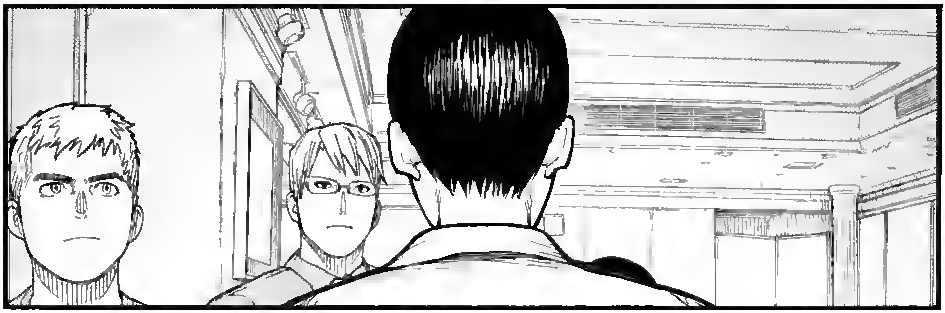

SO EVEN IF IT COMES TO NOTHING, WE HAVE TO KEEP ACTING.


...ISN'T AN ILLOGICAL ACT!!


FIGHTING TO THE END, EVEN IF IT COMES TO NOTHING...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY HERE, YOU IDIOT ?!

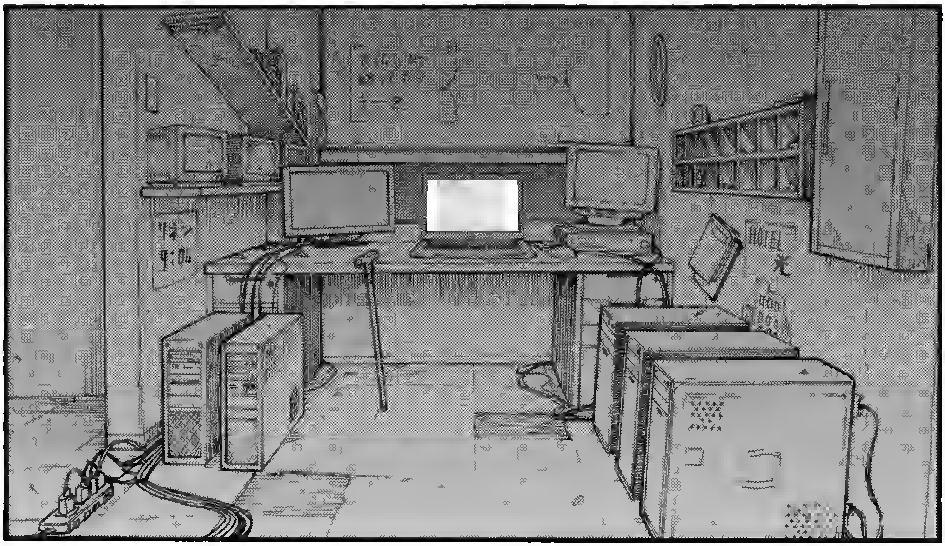
IT IS A PERFECTLY LOGICAL THING TO DO!!!
THIS IS A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WAY OF MAXIMIZING WHAT IS OUR CURRENT 0% CHANCE OF WINNING!!
AND YOU'RE CALLING ME STUPID?





I WON-DER
IF KEI'S GOING TO COME.

WE'RE TAKING SATO DOWN.



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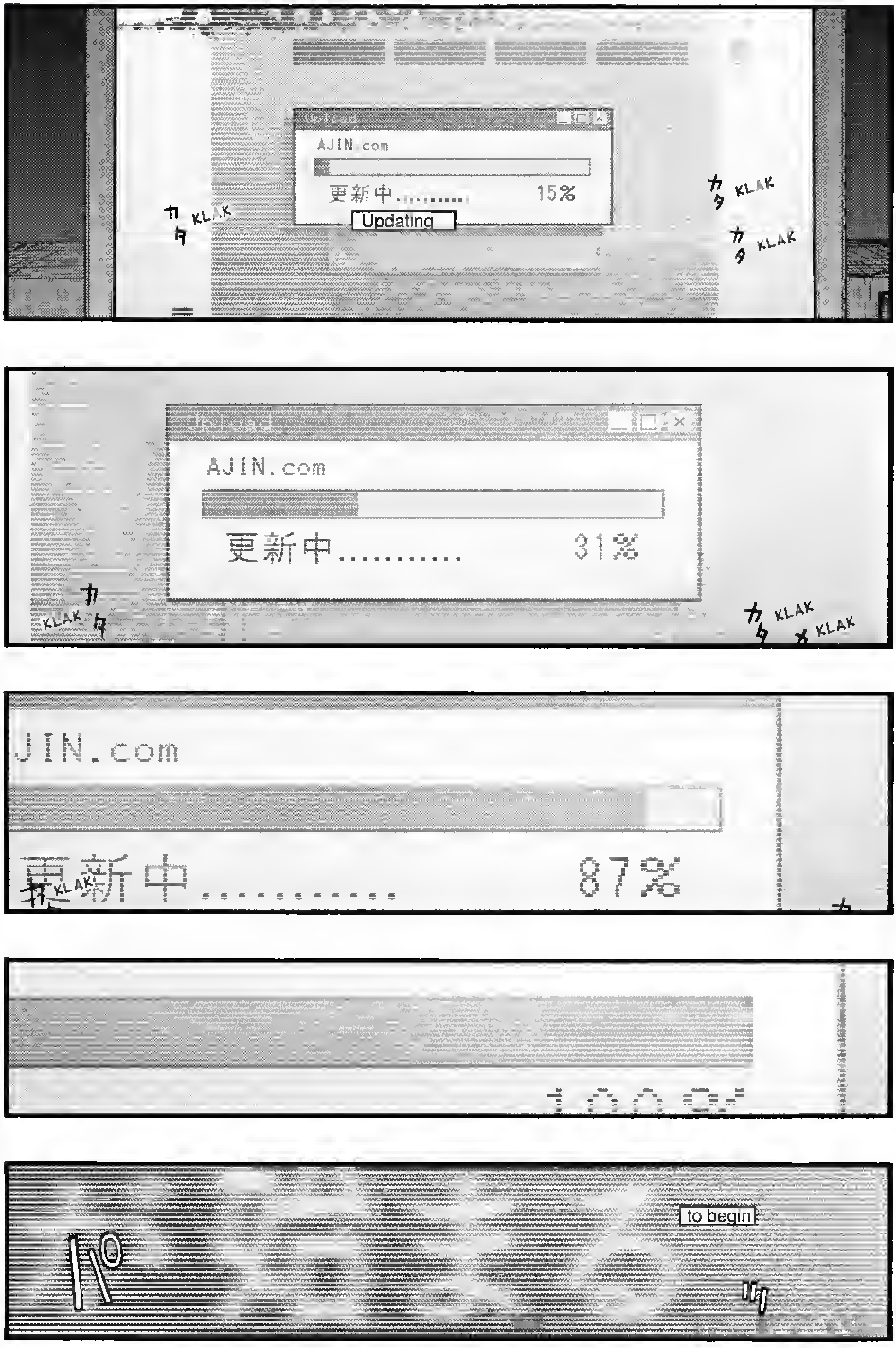
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